

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for applying a marking to an object to be marked by irradiating a laser beam onto a marking position on said object, comprising the steps of:

selecting a material of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) as preparing an object to be marked, fibers contained in the PTFE being interlaced that is made of a material of PTFE;

irradiating a laser beam onto said marking position on said object to be marked to loosen the interlaced fibers adjacent to alter the state of only an irradiated surface of the PTFE and to fluff the irradiated surface of the PTFE; and

setting a marking speed of 300 to 400 mm/s and a laser beam power of 2.4 to 7.2 W in an irradiating condition of a laser beam;

whereby forming a marking with a white-based color on the irradiated surface of the PTFE so that the irradiated surface exhibits a color tone different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE to form a marking with a white-based color.

Claim 2. (currently amended) A product marked by ~~a method for applying a marking to an object to be marked by~~ irradiating a laser beam onto a marking position on said object, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

a material of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) as preparing an object to be marked, fibers contained in the PTFE being interlaced that is made of a material of PTFE;

a surface of the PTFE being fluffed at said marking position of the irradiated object to be marked by loosening the interlaced fibers adjacent to the irradiating a laser beam onto said object to be marked to alter the state of only an irradiated surface of the PTFE; and

~~whereby forming a marking with a white-based color on the irradiated surface of the PTFE so that the irradiated surface exhibits a color tone different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE~~ to form a marking with a white-based color.